

Presidents Crow and Robbins,

On March 19th, the University of Arizona welcomed US Customs and Border Protection to its campus for a recruitment event. Students exercised their First Amendment rights by expressing their discomfort and outrage over the presence of uniformed Customs and Border Protection agents. Since then, University of Arizona Police Department has charged three students with "misdemeanors for interference with the peaceful conduct of an educational institution, trespassing, and intimidation."

On April 4th, less than three weeks after the incident at the UA, Arizona State University Career Services invited US Customs and Border Protection to the Tempe campus to recruit students at a career fair. As soon as student organizers were informed of CBP's presence, we took action to make sure ASU is aware of our concerns. Students from multiple organizations protested their presence at this event at the Student Pavilion for over three hours while having to endure harassment by university officials, agitators in onlooking crowds, and assault by a counter protester. In addition, ASU Police Department officers threatened to make arrests and were filmed holding their guns in the presence of students.

In 2016 when DACA and DREAMers were under attack, President Crow promised students:

"In the days ahead, we will continue to work at every level to maintain the great learning environment that ASU has created. Dialogue is essential and we will communicate at multiple levels with various internal and external communities and constituencies about the importance of inclusivity in all that we do."

Allowing CBP onto campus creates a hostile environment for our undocumented students, faculty, and staff. They should feel safe and supported on campus.

Today, we are marching in solidarity with our compañerxs at the University of Arizona. We join their call to drop all charges against these students.

Our demands are that:

1. U of A drop the charges;
2. President Robbins cancel the investigation;
3. ASU and U of A apologize to undocumented students;
4. ASU and U of A agree to never invite US Customs and Border Protection back to either campus.

Signed,

Movimiento Estudiantil [Chicanx de Aztlán] ASU chapter

Undocumented Students for Education Equity

Young Democratic Socialists of America at ASU

ASU Latinx Graduate Student Alliance

Students for Socialism & Liberation at ASU

No Más Muertes ASU/No More Deaths ASU

Multicultural Solidarity Coalition